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Larry Gore  
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Re: Deficient Plan of Operation, Eugene Hodges, Mesa Lode Project, S/053/057 (UTU-78488),  
Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gore:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of Eugene Hodges Plan of Operation for work in Section 10 and 11, T43S, R12W, Washington County, Utah which we received on March 3, 2000. We never accepted Mr. Hodges original November 1999 submission because the permit fee was not paid. In February, 2000 you informed us that this site was considered casual use and did not need to be permitted; therefore, on February 10, 2000, we closed that notice and retired the file. This recent Plan of Operations states that mechanized heavy equipment will now be used; therefore, we re-opened Division file #S/053/057 for this project.

The present Plan of Operations submission does not satisfy the requirements for a small mining operation as described by Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated. In the essence of time, we responded directly to Mr. Hodges and sent him a copy of a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations. We informed Mr. Hodges that he is not allowed to create any disturbance under this plan until he receives written approval from the Division and the BLM.

Thank you for your cooperation in forwarding any additional information you may receive for this project.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen  
Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Eugene Hodges  
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